HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 385 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Ellen Cook on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Culleoka Unit School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Cook is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cook has recently been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Culleoka Unit School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Cook received both her Bachelor's degree and her Master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cook has served with acumen and alacrity as a second grade teacher for eight exemplary years; active in her profession and her community, she is a member of Maury County Professional Educators, Professional Educators of Tennessee and the Junior Auxiliary of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Cook is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cook truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Cook truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Ellen Cook on being chosen as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Culleoka Unit School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.